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Hello Fellow Lions –

The temperature outside is getting colder and the days are getting shorter. It must be November in Michigan! November is the month of gratitude. Before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season starts, take a few moments and reflect on all that makes you grateful. You might be surprised by how many things and people you have in your life to be grateful for.

November is also the month that launches the most important and busiest time to be a Lake Orion Lion in serving our community. We are in the planning stages for the Christmas Lighted Parade (can food collection), Special Needs Christmas Party (purchasing gifts for the children), Goodfellows Papers, and the Christmas Basket Program. We will need everyone's help to make each one of these projects successful. I know this is a busy time for us all with the upcoming holidays, but we still need to support our community with our service projects. So, please ask your friends, neighbors, and family members to volunteer their time and join us in helping others in our community.

President's Message continued

I am very happy to say that we found a meeting location for the remainder of 2021. We will be holding all our meetings (Regular and BOD) at Johnny Blacks Public House on Baldwin Road in Lake Orion. We will have Zoom Meeting available for those who cannot make it in person to the meetings.

This year the Club's Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 15th at Johnny Blacks Public House. Be on the lookout for an email with all the party details.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

President Cathi Williams

Think Positive and Positive Things will Happen

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Reminder -Wednesday, December 1st is a Regular & Board meeting

District 11 A 2 Doings

One of Governor Jim Leach's goals for 2021-2022 is the Lions of Michigan All-State Band. A couple of years ago one of our newer members, Caleb Boomer, was a member of this band. But before he could participate with it, Covid-19 reared its ugly head and put an end to the Band's activities for that year. Caleb has since graduated from high school and is now longer eligible to be in the Band. Here's some of what Covid-19 took from him.

Lions of Michigan All State Band

Beginning in 1948, a Michigan high school band was selected to represent the Lions of Michigan and participate in the annual parade at the Lions International Convention. This practice continued annually for 30 years.

In 1978 things changed when a Lion from Michigan was installed as International President. To honor him and high school band members throughout the State, an All-State Band was created. Since then, an All-State Band has appeared representing Michigan at the Convention. However, that tradition was interrupted for two years when Covid-19 forced the cancellation of large indoor events. At the MD 11 Convention at Grand Blanc in May 2018, the Lions voted to make the All-State Band its fifth State Project.

There have been 7 different band directors since 1978. The current director is Jason Russell. He is the band director at Lakeview High School, and has been a music educator for twenty years.

Auditions are held each year to select the band members who will be a part of the Lions All-State Band and participate in the International Convention Parade and a variety of other activities. The rehearsals start in January of the Convention year and continue up to the start of the trip to Convention.



All-State Band members in rehearsal

90% of the cost to go to the Convention is paid for by the band member. They use a variety of means to raise the funds often sending a letter to the Lions Club in their community and to Clubs in the surrounding area. Ask any Band member, and he or she will tell you its well worth the effort.

See the next page to learn about all that's included in the trip to the 2022 International Convention in Montreal...the places they visit...and the benefits they receive from this once in a lifetime event.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND



2022 TOUR TO MONTREAL

NIAGARA FALLS
TORONTO
MONTREAL
QUEBEC, CANADA
plus CEDAR POINT
(SANDUSKY, OH)



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS:

Niagara Falls Ontario

CN Tower, Toronto

Cirque Du Soleil Performance

Guided Tour of Montreal

Guided Tour of Quebec

Cedar Point
Amusement Park
Sandusky, OH

& Much More!

All-inclusive
\$2,795*

*Per person (based on quad occupancy)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Try-outs: Virtual
(see website for information)

1st rehearsal: January 08, 2022

2nd Rehearsal: March 19, 2022

3rd Rehearsal: May 14, 2022

Pre-Camp: June 19-21, 2022

Tour: June 22-29, 2022

WHEN YOU JOIN THE LIONS ALL-STATE BAND, YOU'LL

- Get high quality musical instruction that contributes to long-term growth as a musician
- Gain improved musical performance abilities
- Develop lasting friendships while experiencing new cultures
- Participate in unique activities in diverse settings
- Experience the personal satisfaction of helping others while learning first-hand the Lion's motto: "We serve"

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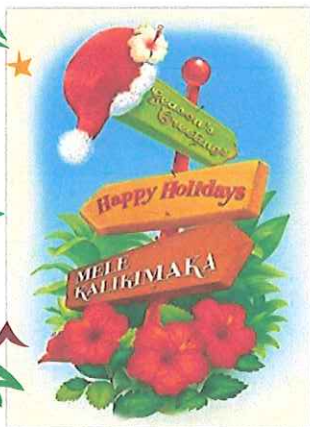


December 10th

District 11 A-2 Christmas Party
Location: Fraser Lions Club Den
34540 Utica Rd, Fraser 48026
Time: 6:30 p.m. till ?

Everyone from the District is welcome.
Christmas/Holiday Casual attire
Please bring a dish to pass.
Last names beginning with:

A thru G - Main Dish
H thru M - Appetizers
N thru S – Vegetables/Salads
T thru Z - Desserts



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER –
HAWAIIAN SHIRT
CONTEST!!!!





Now comes the Lake Orion Lions Club's biggest activity of the year!

The Annual Christmas Basket Program

This service project comes in two stages –

- 1) the gathering stage during November and the early part of December and
- 2) the packing and delivery stage in mid-December

Dave Tucker, the program chair, is busy at work – lining up one liaison for each school in the Lake Orion area. That Lion Liaison's job is to contact the school principal and/or the school's contact person to coordinate the food donation part and the families who might need a helping hand part of the program.

Lion Dave is also busy taking and responding to phone calls and voice messages left on the Lake Orion Lions phone line seeking assistance for the holidays. The information is double checked and added to the information received from the schools if it is relevant. If the family requesting help is outside the Lake Orion area or outside what the Lions can do to assist, the information is then given to groups that can help such as Shop with a Hero, Love INC, AngelFISH and the Oxford Lions Club.

In the meantime, Lion Jim Lykins makes sure the Club has the boxes for food ready and delivered on time. And Lion Dave who doesn't get much sleep until the Basket program is done is busy with a host of other tasks - a Ryder truck is reserved for the needed dates...coordination with Waste Management for delivery and pick up of a dumpster for trash...Milosch Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram dealership is contacted for the use of their two Sprinter vans...Wojo's is called to arrange to borrow their carts for "packing" and "delivery" days. And Lion Roger Brodeur sets up the Go Fund Me page for donations to help the Basket program. Lions President Cathi Williams and Lion Jill Baker start working to assemble the list of seniors who will receive a basket.

As the calendar rolls around to mid-December, the schools start asking to have the food and other donations picked up. The school liaison can't pick up everything. Now is when other Lions are needed. It generally takes an hour or two to pick up the donated food and other items and take them to the CERC building and unload everything. The school liaisons will also be busy coordinating with their school contact to obtain the names and pertinent information of families who could use a little assistance to make their holidays a bit more joyful and happy.

When the call comes for more volunteers next month, be ready to say "I'll help."

Remember the old saying – *"Many hands make light work"*

Here's a Couple of More Ways to Help

Goodfellow Paper Sales

The LO Lions Christmas basket program depends in part on the sale of Goodfellow papers. And it's traditional to sell them on Friday & Saturday, November 26 & 27 and December 3 & 4. DG and Secretary Jim Leach has arranged for the papers. Now it's up to the rest of us to get out on the street corners and sell them.

Good locations are on Baldwin Road at Panera Bread and at the exit light at that Center...downtown Lake Orion...Joslyn and Clarkston Roads intersection...and you may have one that works well for you. There will be newspaper bags you can use to carry the papers.



Lake Orion Lighted Christmas Parade

PDG Jack Patton is chairing the Lake Orion Lions Club's entry in this year's parade being held at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 4th. He can use some help in planning and putting things together and in recruiting Lions to march in the parade. It's always a fun event and brings attention to the Lions Club's Christmas basket program. Contact Lion Jack at **248 535-9011** to let him know you can help.



Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **November 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	4	5 LCI Leadership Institute	6 LCI Leadership Institute
7 LCI Leadership Institute Daylight Savings Time ends	8	9 6:00pm 11 A 2 Region 3 Meeting New Baltimore	10	11 6:00pm 11 A 2 Region 1 Meeting Beverly Hills	12	13 10:00am KidSight Testing – Orion Library
14	15	16	17 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	18 6:00pm 11 A 2 Region 2 Meeting Shelby Twp	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26 Goodfellows Paper Sale	27 Goodfellows Paper Sale
28	29	30				

Date	Event & Location
11-3	LO Lions Club Meeting – American Legion building in Lake Orion
11-5 - 7	LCI Leadership Institute
11-7	Daylight Savings Time ends
11-9	11 A 2 Region 3 Meeting – New Baltimore
11-11	11 A 2 Region 1 Meeting - Beverly Hills
11-13	LO Lions KidSight Testing – Orion Public Library
11-17	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s on Baldwin
11-18	11 A 2 Region 2 Meeting - Shelby Twp
11-25	Happy Thanksgiving
11-26/27	Goodfellow Paper Sales

Lake Orion Lions Club Calendar **December 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm LO Lions Club & Board Meeting	2	3 Good Fellows Paper Sale	4 Good Fellows Paper Sale LO Lighted Christmas Parade
5	6	7	8	9 LO Lions Special Needs Party Pine Tree	10 6:30pm 11 A 2 Christmas Party - Fraser	11 10:00am KidSight Testing – Orion Library
12	13	14 6:00pm Madonna Nights - Northville	15 7:00pm LO Lions Club Meeting	16	17 LO Lions packing Christmas Baskets	18 LO Lions delivering Christmas Baskets
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

Date	Event & Location
12-1	LO Lions Club & Board Meeting – Johnny Black’s on Baldwin Road
12-3/4	Goodfellows Paper Sales
12-9	Special Needs Student Party at Pine Tree School\
12-10	District 11 A 2 Christmas Party at Fraser
12-11	KidSight Testing at Orion Township Public Library
12-14	Madonna Nights - Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant in Northville
12-15	LO Lions Club Meeting & Christmas Party– Johnny Black’s on Baldwin Road
12-17	LO Lions packing Christmas baskets – CERC Center
12-25	Merry Christmas
12-31	Happy New Year